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Dear Ms Johnson,

U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/553,530

As I do not appear to have received a reply as yet to my previous letter (I enclose a copy) I wonder if you would be so kind as to confirm receipt of the same.

Yours sincerely,

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I refer to your Notification of Insufficient fees (DO/EO/US) dated 06/15/2006

When I entered the National Stage of my PCT patent application on 10/17/2005 I was unaware of the requirement of additional fees for my application and thought that the basic National fees were sufficient to cover the cost of the application including the search report. Earlier this year I went to India for six months and have just recently returned to the UK to find your Notification of Insufficient fees which was not forwarded to me. The person responsible for forwarding important mail to me overlooked your Notice unfortunately as it was clipped behind a Notice of Publication document.

I would of course be very happy to pay the additional fees but I do not appear to be within the two months from the date of your notice or 32 months from the priority date.

I note that on page two of your notification it is stated that:  
"The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136a" and I wonder if there is any possibility to extend the time period under this provision.

I also note that my application is specified as a Large Entry. I would question this and wonder if you could check this for me please.

I do want to continue my application if there is any possible way of doing this and if you can help me in any way to reinstate my application I would be very grateful indeed. I look forward to hearing from you.

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